(b) No particular reason. The shop has been in that site for several years past.

(c) and (d), Government have no information.

Departmental supply of things to contractors.

169. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what all things are supplied departmentally to the contractors for the various works in the State by the D. P. W., Panchayats and Municipalities ;

(b) the names of Companies from whom these things are purchased ;

(c) the quantity of each purchased and supplied to the contractors in 1104 with the rates?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The Municipalities and the Panchayats do not supply any materials to the contractors departmentally.

In the case of P. W. D., there is no fixed rule regarding the supply. Generally cement, steel and iron works and tiles are being supplied by the Department, if they exceed a certain quantity or number for each individual work.

(b) and (c). There is no separate list maintained for these. If any work or group of works for which the materials have been arranged departmentally are specified, the information can be supplied.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is the quantity or number ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That depends upon the nature of the work.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Generally these are supplied if they exceeed 'a certain quantity or number'. What is the quantity or number fixed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is no quantity or number fixed as a rule. It depends upon the work. Suppose it is a very big work costing 2 or 3 lakhs of rupees, the quantity of steel comes to only 3 thousand rupees worth. We do not insist on it. The quantity of these materials is fixed for each case.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are tenders called for for the supply of these materials ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, as a rule. They are invariably called for, and in some cases we are guided by these tenders.

Tile factories whose tiles are approved.

170. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) the names of Tile Factories whose tiles are approved by the P. W. Department ;

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